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o'clock.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. (Visitors introduced.) We're now open for discussion on AM0520 to LB 574. Senator Bromm, on that amendment.

SENATOR BROMM: Senator Brashear has...has brought an amendment which would place a, I think, an appropriate criminal penalty on someone in the Department of Motor Vehicles that knowingly discloses or knowingly permits disclosure of sensitive personal information, and...and we have very specific things that can be disclosed with respect to sensitive personal information, only certain specific things, and if they would go beyond that they'd be subject to this penalty. I think ... I think it's a good idea. When we got into this in more depth yesterday I locked for such a penalty and there isn't one, and there is, of course, a penalty for one who presents himself to be someone that he isn't to obtain information, who misrepresents his identify, but not for the disclosure. So I...I appreciate Senator Brashear's efforts on this and this amendment in particular and I will support this amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bromm. Senator Brashear, on AM0520.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Well, just for the benefit of any who weren't listening, when Senator Bromm agrees with the amendment I can simply only urge its adoption, but it...it does impose, consistent with other statutes which are similar in nature and deal with similar subject matters, it does impose upon employees and agents of the department a criminal penalty consistent with that imposed upon others similarly situated for the disclosure of sensitive personal information contrary to law. I think it's entirely appropriate and appreciate Senator Bromm indicating that he believes so also and I would urge its adoption. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Brashear. Senator Beutler. Excuse me, Senator Beutler's light went off. Seeing no further lights, Senator Brashear, did you wish to close on your amendment, AM0520, to LB 574? Senator Brashear waives off.